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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 8 November 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian Question

Other matters

SECURITY COUNCIL WORKING GROUP ON THE BRAHIMI REPORT

10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

10 a.m.	55th plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall

Cooperation between the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union [26]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/55/409)

(b) Draft resolution (A/55/L.20)

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	19th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	20th meeting	Conference Room 2

Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects [86] (A/54/670, A/54/839, A/55/138-S/2000/693, A/55/305-S/2000/809, A/55/507 and Add.1)

General debate

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m. - 12 noon	32nd meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

1. *Introduction of the following draft proposals:*

Sectoral policy questions [93]

(a) Industrial development cooperation

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.22

Environment and sustainable development [95]

(b) Convention on Biological Diversity

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.20

(d) Further implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.21

(g) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.23

Training and research [97]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.24

2. Report of the Economic and Social Council [12] (A/55/3 and A/55/419)

Introduction and general discussion

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Navid Hanif (Pakistan), Vice-Chairman of the Second Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.9 and L.11 (item 95)

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Mauricio Escanero (Mexico), Vice-Chairman of the Second Committee, on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.16 (item 100)

[Meetings of interested delegations in Conference Room D: from 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.: A/C.2/55/L.14 (item 95 (e)); and from 4.30 p.m. to 6 p.m.: A/C.2/55/L.17 (item 95 (a))]

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	51st meeting	Conference Room 1

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [109] (A/55/12 and Add.1, A/55/471, A/55/472, A/55/545* and A/55/506-S/2000/1006)

Conclusion of general discussion

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	52nd meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Human rights questions: human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [114 (b)]

Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/55/L.35, L.43, L.47, L.48, L.52, L.56 and L.60*

2. Human rights questions: human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and special representatives [114 (c)]

Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/55/L.42/Rev.1, L.49, L.50 and L.64

3. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [109]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.21

4. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [112]

Action on draft proposals A/C.3/55/L.25/Rev.1, L.26/Rev.1, L.27/Rev.1 and L.63

5. Human rights questions: human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [114 (b)]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/55/L.36, L.37, L.39, L.40, L.41, L.44, L.45, L.53, L.54, L.55, L.57, L.58 and L.59

6. Human rights questions: human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and special representatives [114 (c)]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.38

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	24th meeting	Conference Room 3

1. International Civil Service Commission twenty-fifth Anniversary

Statement by the Chairman of the International Civil Service Commission

Statement by the Chairman of the Fifth Committee

2. Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors [115] (A/55/5 (Vols. I, III, IV) and Add.1-12, A/55/80 and Add.1, A/55/380 and Add.1, A/55/364 and A/55/487)

Conclusion of general discussion

Morning*-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 115 (Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors (A/55/5 (Vols. I, III, IV) and Add.1-12, A/55/80 and Add.1, A/55/380 and Add.1, A/55/364 and A/55/487))

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 123 (Human resources management (A/55/253 and Corr.1, A/55/270, A/55/168, A/55/427, A/55/499, A/55/399 and Corr.1, A/53/955, A/C.5/54/21, A/54/257, A/54/279 and Corr.1, A/C.5/ 55/L.3, A/C.5/54/L.3, A/C.5/54/2, A/54/450, A/C.5/55/CRP.1 and A/C.5/55/CRP.2); Reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (A/55/397 and A/55/352 and Corr.1); Report of the Joint Inspection Unit: Administration of justice at the United Nations (A/55/57 and Add.1 and A/55/514); and Management irregularities causing financial losses to the Organization (also under agenda item 116 (A/54/793 and A/55/499))

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* Following the adjournment of the 24th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	25th meeting	Conference Room 4

United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its thirty-third session [158]

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/55/L.5

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 4

Informal consultations on draft resolutions A/C.6/55/L.3 et L.4 submitted under agenda item 163 (Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the role of the Organization)

WORKING GROUP ON JURISDICTIONAL IMMUNITIES OF STATES AND THEIR PROPERTY (ITEM 157)

Morning*-1 p.m.	4th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 4

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* Following the adjournment of the 25th meeting of the Sixth Committee.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Mini-executive session on the report of the Panel on United Nations Peace Operations

2. Review and assessment of the asbestos problem at the United Nations and management of asbestos-containing materials at overseas buildings at Geneva, Vienna, Nairobi and at the locations of the regional commissions

3. Facilities management/Overseas properties management

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Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

Briefing

There will be a briefing to provide an update on "The Heavily Indebted Poor Countries (HIPC) Initiative" under the chairmanship of Mr. Alexandru Niculescu (Romania), Chairman of the Second Committee, *today*, 8 November 2000, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. The moderator will be Mr. Sarbuland Khan, Director of the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

The briefing will be given by Mr. Axel van Trotsenburg, Manager, HIPC Implementation Unit, World Bank, and Ms. Dorris Ross, Division Chief, Policy Development Review Department, International Monetary Fund, as a contribution to the Second Committee debate on financing for development and macroeconomic issues, particularly external debt.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Percy Metsing Mangoaela (Lesotho), *today*, 8 November 2000, at 10 a.m. sharp, in Conference Room 9.

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The United Nations Administrative Tribunal will meet *today*, 8 November 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in room DC2-470A

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Wednesday, 8 November 2000

ARAB GROUP OF THE WHOLE

11 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

(on agenda items 94 (c) (Culture and development))

1.15 p.m.- 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT:

WORKING GROUP ON PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS

1.15 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room B

GROUP OF 77

(on Fifth Committee matters)

2 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

(on agenda items 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance) and 101 (High-level international intergovernmental consideration of financing for development))

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

(on environmental issues)

6 p.m.- 10 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

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There will be a meeting of the JUSCANZ Group (Second Committee) *today*, 8 November 2000, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room A.

There will be a meeting of the JUSCANZ Group (Third Committee) *today*, 8 November 2000, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room 7.

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Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations on the draft resolution under agenda item 32 (United Nations Year of Dialogue among Civilizations), organized by the delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran, *today*, 8 November 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B.

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Briefing

The Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services will hold an informal briefing on the annual report of the Office for the period 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000, for interested delegates, *today*, 8 November 2000, from 2 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

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Briefing

The Office of the Special Co-ordinator for Africa and the Least Developed Countries (OSCAL) of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs will hold a briefing for African and other interested delegations on the progress report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s (documents A/55/350 and Add.1). The briefing, will be held *today*, 8 November 2000, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room A.

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Announcement

As from Thursday, 2 November 2000, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

The Web site of the Netherlands Presidency of the Security Council can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.int/netherlands.

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, 9 November 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

10 a.m.	56th plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall

Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba [35]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/55/172 and Add.1)

(b) Draft resolution (A/55/L.7)

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.	21st meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	22nd meeting	Conference Room 2

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6
3 p.m.	33rd meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	53rd meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	54th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	25th meeting	Conference Room 3
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 3

* Following the adjournment of the 25th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 4

WORKING GROUP ON JURISDICTIONAL IMMUNITIES OF STATES AND THEIR PROPERTY (ITEM 157)

10 a.m.	5th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 4

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

Informal consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items will be conducted by H.E. Mr. Hubert Wurth (Luxembourg) on Monday, 13 November 2000, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on Fifth Committee matters)* on Thursday, 9 November 2000, from 2 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

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Informal consultations

Informal consultations with interested delegations on the draft resolution regarding item 42 (Special session of the General Assembly in 2001 for follow-up to the World Summit for Children) will be held on Thursday, 9 November 2000, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Informal consultations

Informal consultations with interested delegations on a draft resolution on humanitarian assistance to the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, under agenda item 20 (b) (Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions), organized by the delegation of the Russian Federation, will be held on Thursday, 9 November 2000, from 3.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room A.

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Workshop

The United Nations University will hold a workshop on "Building Conflict Prevention Capacity: Methods, Experiences, Needs" on Tuesday, 14 November 2000, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the New York office of the United Nations University (tel.: (212) 963-6346).

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the Seton Hall University School of Diplomacy and International Relations are jointly organizing a workshop in their Series on the Art of Public Speaking for members of permanent missions in New York. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Thursday and Friday, 16 and 17 November, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, a draft programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Thursday, 9 November. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9196).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Tuesday, 7 November 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

53rd plenary meeting

Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency [14]

(a) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Agency (A/55/284 and Corr. 1)

(b) Draft resolution (A/55/L.25)

(c) Amendment (A/55/L.26/Rev.1)

(d) Amendment (A/55/L.27)

Statements were made by the representatives of New Zealand, Lithuania, Belarus, Pakistan, the Russian Federation and Peru.

The General Assembly was informed that action on draft resolution A/55/L.25 and the amendments thereto would be taken on Friday, 10 November 2000, as the last item.

Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity: report of the Secretary-General (A/55/498) [27]

Statements were made by the representatives of Togo (on behalf of the Organization of African Unity), France (on behalf of the European Union and Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Turkey), Senegal, Egypt, Algeria, Japan, Tunisia, Nigeria, Norway, Ethiopia and Namibia.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 2011 (XX) of 11 October 1965, the observer for the Organization of the African Unity made a statement.

The General Assembly was informed that a draft resolution on this item would be submitted at a later date.

54th plenary meeting

Cooperation between the United Nations and the Caribbean Community [23]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/55/215)

(b) Draft resolution (A/55/L.24/Rev.1)

The representative of Antigua and Barbuda made a statement in the course of which she introduced draft resolution A/55/L.24/Rev.1.

Statements were made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union and Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), Japan and Jamaica.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 46/8 of 16 October 1991, the observer for the Caribbean Community made a statement.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/55/L.24/Rev.1 (resolution 55/17).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 23.

Bethlehem 2000: draft resolution (A/55/L.3) [36]

The representative of Senegal made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/55/L.3.

The General Assembly decided to hear the observer of the Holy See in the debate on agenda item 36.

The observer of Palestine made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba, Afghanistan, France (on behalf of the European Union and Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), Cyprus, Burkina Faso, Qatar, Norway, Egypt and Israel.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 48/265 of 24 August 1994, the observer for the Sovereign Military Order of Malta made a statement.

In accordance with the decision taken earlier by the General Assembly at the same meeting, the observer of the Holy See made a statement.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/55/L.3 (resolution 55/18).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 36.

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 18th meeting

Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories [85]

The Committee concluded its general debate and heard statements made by the representatives of Ghana, Senegal, Malaysia, Kuwait, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Saudi Arabia, Tunisia, Oman, Brunei Darussalam, Bangladesh, Bahrain, Israel and France (on behalf of the European Union, the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union - Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and the associated country, Cyprus).

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Egypt, the Syrian Arab Republic, as well as by the observer of Palestine.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

The Committee agreed, on the proposal made by the Chairman, on the revised proceedings to be followed at its next meeting relating to agenda item 86 (Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects), to be held the following day, 8 November, in the morning, and also agreed to begin the general debate on the item in the afternoon.

THIRD COMMITTEE 49th meeting

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [109]

The Committee continued its general discussion of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Egypt, the United Republic of Tanzania, Belarus, Liechtenstein, the Russian Federation, Guinea, Mexico, Venezuela, Australia, Togo, Ukraine and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

The representative of the International Committee of the Red Cross made a statement.

A statement was also made by the representative of the International Organization for Migration.

50th meeting

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 109.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.21

The representative of Mexico introduced the draft resolution.

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [114 (b)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.34

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as India, introduced the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.36

The representative of Mexico, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Azerbaijan, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ghana, Honduras and South Africa, introduced the draft resolution, and announced that the United States of America had withdrawn as a sponsor.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.37

The representative of Australia, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Armenia, Botswana, Cambodia, Cape Verde, Costa Rica, Croatia, the Czech Republic, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, El Salvador, India, Kazakhstan, Madagascar, Mali, the Marshall Islands, Mongolia, Morocco, Nepal, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Panama, the Philippines, the Republic of Moldova, Rwanda, Swaziland, Togo and Vanuatu, introduced the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.39

The representative of Japan, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America, introduced and orally revised the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.40

The representative of Romania, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Iceland, Malta, Mongolia, South Africa and Togo, introduced the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.41

The representative of Ireland, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Azerbaijan, India and Peru, introduced the draft resolution.

Subsequently, the representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran spoke on a point of order, after which statements were made by the representatives of Ireland and China.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.44

The representative of Brazil, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Eritrea, introduced the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.45

The representative of Cuba, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document as well as Honduras, introduced and orally revised the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.46

The representative of Belarus made a statement announcing the withdrawal of the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.53

The representative of Cuba, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as the Libyan Arab Jamahariya, introduced the draft resolution and announced that Ireland was not a sponsor of the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.54

The representative of Belgium, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Bulgaria, Cyprus, Morocco, New Zealand, the Philippines and Poland, introduced and orally revised the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.55

The representative of Peru, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Egypt, Finland, Jordan, the Libyan Arab Jahamariya, the Netherlands, New Zealand, the Republic of Korea, South Africa and Thailand, introduced the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.57

The representative of Botswana, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries and China and the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Japan, Mexico and New Zealand, introduced the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.58

The representative of Botswana, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries and China, introduced and orally revised the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.59

The representative of Botswana, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries and China, introduced the draft resolution.

Human rights questions: human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and special representatives [114 (c)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.38

The representative of Sweden, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Bulgaria, Chile, Costa Rica, Estonia, Greece, Iceland, Poland and the United States of America, introduced and orally corrected the draft resolution.

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [109]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Angola, Nepal, India, Indonesia, Brazil, Ecuador, China, Austria and Mali.

A statement was also made by the representative of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.

Organization of work

The Chairperson announced that the Committee would aim to take action on the following draft resolutions on Wednesday afternoon, 8 November: under item 109: A/C.3/55/L.21; under item 112: A/C.3/55/L.25/Rev.1, L.26/Rev.1, L.27/Rev.1 and L.63; under sub-item 114 (b): A/C.3/55/L.36, L.37, L.39, L.40, L.41, L.44, L.45, L.53, L.54, L.55, L.57, L.58 and L.59; and under sub-item 114 (c): A/C.3/55/L.38.

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Corrigendum to the summary of the 47th meeting of the Third Committe (see *Journal* No. 2000/216, p. 11): Under *Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.32* (item 113), the text should read as follows:

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.32

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Egypt announced that Angola, Argentina, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Ghana, Guyana, Iceland, India, Saint Lucia, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution. Subsequently, Lesotho joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

A statement in explanation of vote before the vote was made by the representative of Israel.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution by a recorded vote of 147 to 2, with 3 abstentions.

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Australia and Canada.

Statements were made by the representatives of Australia, Canada, the Russian Federation, France (on behalf of the European Union and Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus, Malta, Iceland and Liechtenstein), as well as by the observer for Palestine.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 113.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 23rd meeting

Human resources management [123]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services

Report of the Joint Inspection Unit: Administration of Justice at the United Nations

Management irregularities causing financial losses to the Organization (also under agenda item 116)

Following a statement by the Assistant Secretary-General for Human Resources Management in response to questions raised during the course of the discussion of the item, follow-up comments were then made by the representatives of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, the Russian Federation, India, Egypt, Morocco, Pakistan and Saudi Arabia.

The Chairman made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this agenda item.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this agenda item would begin on Wednesday, 8 November, in the afternoon, under the chairmanship of Mr. Aizaz Chaudhury (Pakistan).

Programme planning [118]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Bangladesh, India and Cuba.

The Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division and the Chairman of the Committee for Programme and Coordination replied to questions raised.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this agenda item.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this agenda item would begin on that day, 7 November, in the afternoon, under the chairmanship of Mr. Ramesh Chandra (India).

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

International Convention to Facilitate the Importation of Commercial Samples and Advertising Material. Geneva, 7 November 1952

Accession: Mexico (7 November 2000)*

Constitution of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity. Bangkok, 27 March 1976

Accession: Samoa (6 November 2000)*

Amendment to article 11, paragraph 2 (a), of the Constitution of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity. Bangkok, 13 November 1981

Participation by virtue of accession to the Constitution: Samoa (6 November 2000)*

Amendments to the Convention on the International Maritime Organization. London, 4 November 1993

Acceptance: Tonga (3 November 2000)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime

Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime

Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime

OPENING FOR SIGNATURE

The Convention and Protocols are scheduled to be open for signature to all States, and by regional economic integration organizations provided that at least one Member State of such organization has signed this Convention and these Protocols, from 12 to 15 December 2000 at the Palazzi di Giustizia in Palermo, Italy and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York until 12 December 2002, in accordance with article 26 of the Convention and articles 1 of the Protocols. In order to become a Party to the Protocols, a State or regional economic integration organization must also be a Party to the Convention, in accordance with article 37 of the Convention.

Consistent with the current practice, delegations intending to sign the Convention and Protocols are advised to submit for legal verification, where necessary, copies of full powers in advance of the signature event to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, United Nations Secretariat, Room S-3200C, New York, NY 10017, Fax No. (212) 963-3693. Originals of full powers should be submitted to the Conference Secretariat in Palermo, Italy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special programme

A special programme on "A New Approach to Flexibility: Managing the Work/Time Equation", sponsored by the Group on Equal Rights for Women in the United Nations, will be held *today*, 8 November 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8. For further information, please contact Ms. Brewster (tel.: (212) 963-8590) or Ms. Chang (tel.: (212) 963-8370).

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DPI/NGO Briefing

In connection with the first observance of the Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, and the adoption of Security Council resolution 1325 (2000), the topic of this week's DPI/NGO briefing will be "Women, Violence, Peace and Security". The briefing will take place on Thursday, 9 November 2000, from 10.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Auditorium. The briefing is organized by the Department of Public Information. Members of delegations, Secretariat staff and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Yvonne Duncan, DPI/NGO Section (tel.: (212) 963-1285).

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